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1. RESPECTED CORRESPONDENT NILUFER YALCIN WRITES IN LIBERAL
DAILY "MILLIYET" APRIL 22 THAT DPC IS TO MEET NEXT WEEK ON
GREEK CONDITIONS FOR RESUMING MILITARY PARTICIPATION IN NATO.
YALCIN SAID THAT TURKISH PERMREP TO NATO, AMBASSADOR KIRCA,
"IS EXPECTED TO EXPLAIN TO THE COMMITTEE WHY THE GREEK CON-
DITIONS ARE 'UNACCEPTABLE'." YALCIN SAID THAT KIRCA, WHO
REPORTEDLY LEFT ANKARA APRIL 21 AFTER WEEK-LONG CONSULTATIONS,
IS CARRYING INSTRUCTIONS PERSONALLY APPROVED BY PRIMIN DEMIREL.
TURKISH VIEW IS "CATEGORIC", ACCORDING TO YALCIN WHO QUOTED
DIPLOMATIC SOURCES AS FOLLOWS: "THE GREEK CONDITIONS ARE
UNACCEPTABLE BECAUSE THEY LEVEL UNWARRANTED AND UNFOUNDED
ACCUSATIONS AT AN ALLY AND BECAUSE THEY CREATE A VACUUM
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AND RUPTURE IN THE SOUTHEASTERN FLANK OF NATO. THEY ARE
ALSO AGAINST NATO'S BASIC PRINCIPLE OF POLITICAL AND MILITARY
INTEGRATION BY DEMANDING SPECIAL STATUS AND PRIORITY FOR ONE
MEMBER OF THE ALLIANCE."

2. CONSERVATIVE DAILY "TERCUMAN" APRIL 22 CARRIES REPORT FROM
BRUSSELS THAT THOSE NATIONS NOT FULLY INTEGRATED IN NATO

MILITARY STRUCTURE COULD PARTICIPATE IN AWACS ONLY "WITH WRITTEN PERMISSION" OF ALL OTHER MEMBERS. "TERCUMAN" REPORT ALSO STATED THAT DRAFT REPORT BY A NATO SUBCOMMITTEE INCLUDES "OTHER DEMANDS" BY TURKEY, INCLUDING PRINCIPLE THAT ANY MEMBER PARTICIPATING IN AWACS MUST UNCONDITIONALLY OPEN ITS AIRSPACE TO THE OTHER MEMBERS AND THAT COMPENSATION WILL BE PAID BY ALL MEMBERS IN EVENT OF AN ACCIDENT. DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN BRUSSELS WERE QUOTED AS SAYING THAT GREECE OBJECTS TO THE FOREGOING CONDITIONS BUT THAT, IF THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S REPORT IS ACCEPTED, GREECE WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BU TO OBTAIN TURKEY'S PERMISSION AND OPEN ITS AIRSPACE TO TURKEY IN ORDER TO TAKE PART IN AWACS.

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